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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR U.N. SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

REF: A) STATE 047741, B) GENEVA 1380, C) GENEVA 3915

FOLLOWING IS THE U.N. HRD RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTEL (A), REGARDING
THE PROPOSED U.S.-FINANCED HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR:

QUOTE
A. THE ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IS PRESENTLY FINANCED SOLELY BY ALLOCATIONS FROM
FROM THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.
AS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS INFORMED AT ITS
THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION (SEE DOCUMENT E/CN.4/1280), THE
OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION HAS ALLOCATED TO THE
DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE 1978/1979 BIENNIUM
A REDUCED AMOUNT OF $200,000 FOR THE ADVISORY SERVICES
PROGRAMME, THAT IS TO SAY, $100,000 FOR 1978 AND $100,000
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FOR 1979. HOWEVER, THE MINIMUM NEEDED BY THE DIVISION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IS $420,000 PER ANNUM (SEE E/CN.41280, PARA
21). THE ALLOCATION OF A MERE $100,000 PER ANNUM,
THEREFORE, EXCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR BEING ABLE TO
FINANCE ANY SEMINAR DURING THIS BIENNIUM. MOREOVER,
FOR THIS BIENNIUM AT LEAST, THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF OUR
OBTAINING ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE FOR

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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION OR FROM ANY OTHER UNITED NATIONS SOURCE.

B. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR LETTER, THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH EXPLAINS OUR INABILITY TO PAY EVEN NORMAL APPORTIONED COSTS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSIDERS PAYMENT OF THE TOTAL COSTS AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY $276,693. UNQUOTE.

1. ACCORDING TO THE HRD STAFF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ADVISORY SERVICES, THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IS A PRIORITY AND THEREFORE HAS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. THESE FELLOWSHIPS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY $70,000 PER YEAR. AFTER THEY ARE FUNDED A BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY $60,000 WILL BE LEFT OVER FROM THE ORIGINAL $200,000 PROVIDED TO THE DIVISION FOR THE BIENNUM. THE OFFICER NOTED FURTHER THAT SINCE THE $60,000 WOULD NOT COVER THE COSTS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS NOR SEMINARS IT WOULD REVERT BACK TO THE OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS UNUSED MONEY. TO PREVENT LOSS OF THESE FUNDS, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING ONLY THAT AMOUNT WHICH TOGETHER WITH HRD FUNDS ($60,000) WOULD TOTAL THE COST OF THE PROPOSED SEMINAR. AS PRESENTLY CALCULATED THAT AMOUNT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY $216,693.VANDEN HEUVEL

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